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James Cote has submitted an application for a land use license which would authorize repair and construction of a bank stabilization structure which would be located on the Bitterroot River. The Bitterroot River is a navigable waterway, the streambed of which is owned by the State of Montana and managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The proposed project is located within Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 21 West, in the W1/2 W1/2 SE1/4, adjacent to a parcel legally described as Part Lot 1, Lots 8 & 9 W1/2 SE1/4, Index 1. A map is attached.

The purpose of the current repair and re-construct is to replace a portion of an existing stabilization project. A previous project was undertaken last year – and while the majority of the project remains functioning and intact, a portion of the stabilization project, which was slightly different in design, has failed. The portion being repaired will be completed in the same fashion as the existing portion that continues to function appropriately.

This project requires multiple permits. In addition to a land use license from the Montana DNRC, a floodplain permit is required from the Ravalli County Floodplain office, along with a 310 permit from the Bitterroot Conservation District, and authorization from DEQ and the Army Corp of Engineers.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act to assess potential impacts of proposed activities on state lands to the human and physical environment. Public comments on this project are being sought in order to complete that assessment.

Public comment will be taken for 10 days (through January 27th). This request for public comment is also being posted on the DNRC website at http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/about_us/notices.asp

Comments may be submitted by email at <u>dboruch@mt.gov</u>. You may also mail written comments to SWLO-DNRC, Attn: Dana Boruch 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

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